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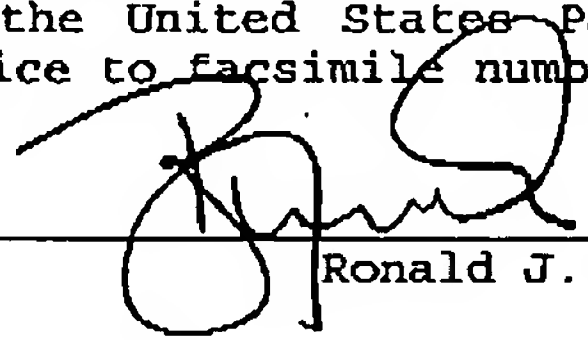
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated  
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Reconsideration of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection in the  
Action is respectfully requested for the reasons explained in the  
remarks that follow.

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